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SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Smith, for a motion.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I would move the advancement of LB 416 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Question before the body is the advancement of LB 416. Those in favor please say aye. Those opposed nay. The bill is advanced. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, (LB) 417. Senator Smith, no E & R. Senator Beutler, I have AM0751 in front of me, Senator. (See page 935 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Coordsen, members of the Legislature, you may recall that this bill has to do with the financial statements that we have to file and that a great many other public officials have to file and the Accountability Commission had come to the Legislature and Senator Janssen, with 417, suggesting that nobody was looking at a lot of these financial statements insofar as they applied to a number of different smaller entities and, therefore, they probably shouldn't be filed. Well, without getting back into debate about whether those financial statements are meaningful in a particular instance or not, a compromise was reached with the Accountability Commission and Senator Janssen which seems to make some sense, if it meets with your approval, and how it would work would be basically like...would be basically like this. There are a number of examining boards, many of them, for example, in the medical field, that are essentially constituted of members of the profession, doctors in the case of doctors, doctors and nurses in the case of nurses. Without being explicit, generally speaking, they are people in the industry who are participating on these various boards, whether it's the Abstractors Boards, Barber Boards, Engineer Boards, simply for the purpose of determining whether persons are qualified to be on those boards. So, with respect to all of those kinds of boards, the compromise would say go ahead and do what the bill suggests, that is members of those boards would no longer be required to file financial statements. But then it was